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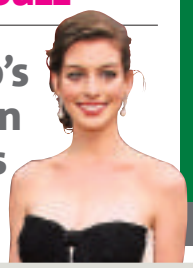

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UBC student pleads guilty to mischief

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LOCKDOWNS. A University of B.C. student who forced two campus-wide lockdowns earlier this year has pleaded guilty to mischief and uttering threats.

Hwi Lee, 19, has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric test and has requested a Korean interpreter for his sentence hearing on Sept. 23.

On Jan. 30, Hwi sent an anonymous threat by e-mail to the University, directed at the biological sciences building.

The building was promptly locked down while RCMP officers searched every room, declaring it safe around 7 p.m.

On Feb. 6, another threat was made to the university by phone.

Police arrested Lee on Feb. 29.

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Schoenborn in court

Accused seemed sickly as proceedings begin against former fugitive

TIM PETRUK
for Metro Vancouver

The man accused of murdering his three children in their Merritt home earlier this year appeared sickly yesterday in the prisoner's box at Kamloops provincial court.

Four court sheriffs stood watch in the second-floor courtroom as Schoenborn made his first in-person appearance since being charged with three counts of murder.

Wearing an orange jumpsuit, dark bags beneath his eyes, a gaunt Allan Dwayne Schoenborn spoke just once during the brief appearance, questioning his lawyer, Peter Wilson, about his attendance at his next scheduled court date.

Wilson was explaining that Schoenborn would not have to appear at the Nov. 20 pre-trial conference when the 40-year-old accused interrupted.

"Why is that?" Schoenborn asked.

"Why is that, that I shouldn't be there?

"What is this matter concerning?

"I think I should be there."

Judge Stephen Harrison explained to Schoenborn that no witnesses would be called at the conference and his attendance wasn't necessary.

Schoenborn eventually agreed.

Harrison also granted Crown prosecutor Sheri Mark's request to have all proceedings on Schoenborn's matters dealt with in Kamloops, rather than Merritt.

"There are security issues that we would seek to have the preliminary inquiry here in Kamloops," she said.

The bodies of his children — Kaitlynne, 10, Max, 8, and Cordon, 5 — were discovered by their mother, Darcie Clarke, on April 6.

He was arrested after a 10-day search that culminated in Schoenborn being found by a civilian, not by RCMP officers. He was suffering from frostbite and was nearly starving after hiding out in the bush.

Schoenborn is also facing charges of uttering threats, escape from lawful custody and breach of a recognizance stemming from unrelated incidents prior to the murders.

Following Schoenborn's November pre-trial conference, a preliminary inquiry has been scheduled to begin Jan. 12 in Kamloops. He remains in custody. **BLACK PRESS**

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Accused murderer Allan Dwayne Schoenborn leaves the Kamloops courthouse in police custody yesterday.

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No goal **Vandals steal front-end loader**

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Dianne Keys, with her dog Luna, at Balaclava Park in Kerrisdale yesterday. Vandals went on a rampage after stealing a front-end loader and using it to tear down soccer posts and park benches. See story, page 4

Government files InSite appeal

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COURT. The federal government yesterday filed its appeal of a B.C. Supreme Court decision that says Vancouver's supervised injection site can't constitutionally be shut down.

The clinic's exemption from the Controlled Drugs And Substances Act would have run out last Monday, but the Supreme Court ruled in May the site was protected under the constitution.

Days later, federal health Minister Tony Clement announced his intention to appeal.

Nathan Allen, with InSite For Community Safety, said he's confident the clinic will stay open.

"(Our) lawyers never disputed any of the feds' evidence, which was that drugs were illegal and dangerous," he said.

"(But) we need a more complex way to deal with treatment, which the (federally-funded) research has proven we do."

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Priest returns Order of Canada
A priest in the Archdiocese of Vancouver who received the Order of Canada 25 years ago is returning the award after learning that abortion supporter Henry Morgentaler is also receiving it. Father Lucien Larre, a Coquitlam priest, founded the Bosco Centres for emotionally disturbed and addicted adolescents. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Dog days of summer awareness

The B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty against Animals has received more than 300 complaints about dogs left in hot cars since the beginning of the season. It's reminding pet owners that dogs have no sweat glands, and the upholstery in cars doesn't allow them to cool themselves by panting and by releasing heat through their paws.

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Bridge block 'necessary'

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The Vancouver Police Department yesterday apologized for inconveniencing holiday commuters by closing the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge for six hours, but said it was the only way to talk down a distraught woman.

North Shore mayors were asking for alternative solutions yesterday.

The bridge, which connects Vancouver to North Vancouver, was shut for six hours on Tuesday, causing gridlock on either side of the Lions Gate Bridge — the only other route between the cities.

Const. Tim Fanning said the bridge had to be closed because officers couldn't hear her over the traffic.

"The measures we took were absolutely necessary in guaranteeing the safety of the woman," he said. "People were inconvenienced, we're very sorry for that, but a life was in the balance."

City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto said his office received many calls and e-mails.

"They were quite upset that they couldn't get across the bridge," he said. "We're going to have to review protocol. The protection of life is the number one concern, but we can also do that and find a reasonable way to maintain vehicular access."

safe

The distraught woman was eventually removed safely and taken to hospital.

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Const. Tim Fanning explains why the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge was closed down Tuesday.

Models fight cancer in their underwear

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Clad in skivvies, 20 models took to a stage in Surrey yesterday to raise research funds for cancers below the belt.

"In this show there are a huge variety of models," said show organizer Amy Wutzke. "Cancer doesn't discriminate and neither does fashion."

Wutzke, 25, organized the fashion show to raise $1,000 for the B.C. Cancer Foundation's Underwear Affair, a 10-kilometre run/five-kilometre walk that she and her mother — a cancer survivor — have participated in since it started in 2006.

Wutzke's mother was diagnosed with leyomiosarcoma, a rare soft tissue cancer, that doctors believed would be terminal.

"She was a fighter, she just believed. She had a positive attitude, believed in prayer and she's alive."

Five years ago, a surgeon removed a tumour the size of a grapefruit from between her rectum and vagina. She has been cancer-free for five years.

local event

The Underwear Affair takes place July 12 in Vancouver. For more info visit *uncoverthecure.org*.

News in brief

NAMED. A Langley man who died following a struggle with transit security and RCMP near the Newton bus loop has been identified as Ryan Alexander Wagemans, 24. He was taken to hospital where he later died.

DRUGS. Surrey RCMP and transit police have concluded a two-week operation aimed at drug dealers at Surrey Central SkyTrain station. It resulted in 20 drug and 16 criminal charges. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Two Vancouver-based organizations that represent Chinese-Canadian veterans have raised $7,455 for earthquake relief in China. The money was raised through the Chinese Canadian Military Museum and The Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Pacific Unit 280. METRO VANCOUVER

Arrests in rampage

Police dog tracks down men after front-end loader stolen

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Two men have been arrested after stealing a front-end loader from a work site and going on a rampage in a Vancouver park, levelling soccer posts and benches.

Vancouver Police Const. Tim Fanning said the men found the loader around 32nd Avenue and Blenheim Street and took it to nearby Balaclava Park.

"They wreaked havoc in the neighbourhood," he said.

"The goal post had actually been in the bucket of the front-end loader when the police arrived and had been completely destroyed, so it was really a senseless thing to do."
Vancouver Police Const. Tim Fanning

"The goal post had actually been in the bucket of the front-end loader when the police arrived and had been completely destroyed, so it was really a senseless thing to do."

A police dog tracked the two men, one of whom was bitten and taken to hospital.

Chad Boorman from Armstrong and Paul Reuscher from Vancouver, both 21, are facing numerous charges.

"I guess what they thought was a little bit of light-hearted fun ended up causing a lot of damage," said Fanning.

Patty Yeterian, 33, who lives nearby, said she was surprised to hear about the rampage.

"(People) play soccer and Ultimate Frisbee (here). We don't get this kind of recklessness around here," she said.

"It's a community park, usually just locals. It's so sad to see this."

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UBC professor seeks NDP nod

Byers looking to unseat Fry

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

A University of B.C. professor announced yesterday that he will seek the NDP nomination in Vancouver Centre in an effort to unseat Liberal MP Hedy Fry.

After the recent resignation of NDP candidate Randall Garrison, Michael Byers, 41, who specializes in global politics and international law, said he is basing his upcoming campaign on improving environmental laws.

"The issue that is propelling me is climate change," he said. "I take it very seriously, and I am very frustrated on the lack of leadership on this file."

He added that Fry's 15-year leadership suggests a time for change.

"I think the current members of parliament are running out of steam … I hope the people of Vancouver Centre will choose the voice of youth and energy."

Though Fry, 67, has defeated five NDP hopefuls in the riding, she is still not letting her guard down.

"I never take any election for granted," she said yesterday. "Every candidate is a threat."

JEFF HOGOSON/METRO VANCOUVER
UBC professor Michael Byers speaks at the Carnegie Centre in Vancouver last April.

"… I hope the people of Vancouver Centre will choose the voice of youth and energy."
Michael Byers

News in brief

WILDFIRE. Forty more firefighters have been sent to Jackass Mountain near Lytton to help fight a massive wildfire, bringing the number of people battling the blaze to 100.

The fire, which was sparked on Sunday when a motor home caught fire, doubled in size yesterday due in part to high temperatures and wind.

It encompassed an area of about 130 hectares yesterday.

No homes are threatened, but the nearby Trans-Canada Highway was closed.

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Landslide behind derailment

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Two rail cars carrying chemicals ended up partially submerged in the Thompson River after the train was hit by a landslide near Lytton, roughly 100 kilometres southwest of Kamloops.

No one was injured in Tuesday's derailment, and Canadian Pacific Railway said yesterday that the cars, which are double-walled, don't appear to have leaked any chemicals.

The train was carrying glycol, which is a chemical used to make antifreeze and windshield-washing fluid.

A forest fire at nearby Jackass Mountain has been causing landslides that closed the Trans-Canada Highway, but it's not clear if the train accident is related to the blaze.

TransLink names new CEO

PRENDERGAST. Thomas Prendergast, a vice-president of the New York City subway system in the 1990s, was named as TransLink's new CEO yesterday.

Prendergast, who has more than 30 years of transportation experience, was also president of the Long Island Rail Road, the largest commuter railroad in the U.S., from 1994 to 2000.

Since 2002, he has worked as director of services for an infrastructure construction firm, and has helped oversee 3,500 projects valued at more than $1 billion.

Prendergast replaces Pat Jacobsen who left TransLink at the end of May after seven years as CEO.

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HEROS program **Ice time for all**

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER
Participants of the Hockey Education Reaching Out Society (HEROS) program lace up at the Britannia Community Centre yesterday. The program, which starts every summer, provides ice-time, equipment and meals to disadvantaged or at-risk children.

letters

Comments disturbing

Re: "Morgentaler awarded Order of Canada." Regardless of one's own personal sentiments concerning the abortion issue, I find Rev. Thomas Collins's comments extremely disturbing. The fact that he presumes to influence all of society, regardless of their beliefs or lack thereof, based on his own religious convictions, is in my opinion reminiscent of the dark ages. The last time I checked our country is not governed by religious law.

DANIELLE BAUER, VIA E-MAIL

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Terror trial hears of training camp plans
Momin Khawaja's defence lawyer yesterday suggested Khawaja attended a training camp in Pakistan not to participate in a British bomb plot but rather to prepare to fight in Afghanistan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

"The world has got to know we've suffered this indignation."

Don Courchene, a former student at the Fort Alexander Indian Residential School in Manitoba

say sorry

Canadian survivors of abuse inflicted by Catholic clergy during the 20th century are demanding an apology from Pope Benedict XVI, left, similar to the one he offered to victims in the U.S.
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Gen. Rick Hillier passes the torch

Natynczyk now in charge

The official procedure that handed responsibility for the Canadian Forces from outgoing Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier to Gen. Walter Natynczyk took just a few minutes to complete.

"I am a soldier, I'm a sailor, I'm an airman and I'm a special forces troop"
Gen. Walter Natynczyk

But the entire affair stretched to two hours, with speeches from politicians, a 21-gun salute, planes, guns and cheering crowds. It peaked with Hillier, who started as an armour officer, stepping aboard an old, squeaky tank and riding off to retirement. Natynczyk, an army commander who served as vice-chief to Hillier, oversaw the Canadian Forces' multi-billion dollar budget, led campaigns in the Balkans Africa and was deputy commander of international troops in Iraq in 2005. For the time being, Natynczyk will just try to be all things to all of the military. "As your chief, I represent all of you," he said. "I am a soldier, I'm a sailor, I'm an airman and I'm a special forces troop."
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PM speaks bluntly about environment

G8 is a Group of Eight nations considered to be leaders of the modern industrialized world.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says global efforts to fight climate change are likely to go more smoothly once U.S. President George W. Bush leaves office early next year.

Harper, who sits down with Bush and other leaders at the Group of Eight summit next week, said there's a growing international conviction that no country — including the United States — should refuse to sign on to targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Referring to the U.S., he said, "And I think, if you don't see a change this year, you're certainly going to see a change on that front next year."

Greenhouse gas emissions is the most urgent item on the agenda at the July 7-9 summit of the G8.
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Quebec City **400th anniversary**

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

People stroll past the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and French Prime Minister François Fillon will today lead a delegation of politicians that will salute the city's 400th anniversary as marked by the arrival of explorer Samuel de Champlain on July 3, 1608, and founded what would become Quebec's provincial capital.

Sports betting coming soon to casinos?

GAMBLING. Federal and provincial governments are moving towards allowing Las Vegas-style sports gambling into provincial casinos to increased their revenues, Torstar News Service has learned.

The plan, aimed to help boost struggling casinos along the border, where the high Canadian dollar and increased border security mean fewer Americans, has the Ontario government urging Ottawa to amend the Criminal Code of Canada and create casino "sportsbooks."

"What it would do is generate traffic into the casino for that particular type of betting and then you also pick up additional business," said NDP MP Joe Comartin, adding other provinces are also lobbying Ottawa for the change in their areas.
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Order of Canada

Henry Morgentaler

Morgentaler nod panned by Harper

AWARD. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has criticized the decision to award the Order of Canada to pro-choice crusader Dr. Henry Morgentaler because of its potential to sow dissension among Canadians.

"My preference, to be frank, would be to see the Order of Canada be something that really unifies, that brings Canadians together," he told the media yesterday.

Harper emphasized that he had nothing to do with the choice of Morgentaler for the prestigious award.

"I have to say this clearly: This is not a decision of the government of Canada," he said at a press conference. "The Order of Canada, these decisions, are made independently of the government."
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News in brief

FOREST FIRES. About 2,000 people in northern Saskatchewan were evacuated from their homes as dozens of wildfires threatened small communities. As of yesterday morning, 64 fires were burning in Saskatchewan, officials said.
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Canadians recognized for heroic acts

Marc Patterson of Kamloops, B.C., was honoured yesterday in Pittsburgh with a Carnegie medal for heroic acts, for saving a 12-year-old boy from a cougar last August. Deborah Chiborak and Gerard Beernaerts, both of Winnipeg, were recognized for saving an 89-year-old woman from an oncoming train. METRO NEWS SERVICES

World

"Russia ... perhaps for centuries, must remain a presidential republic."

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on his belief that a parliamentary democracy won't work for his country.

changing tone

Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday his presidency would have a different tone from his predecessor and mentor Vladimir Putin's and hinted the Kremlin might consider easing its complete dominance over domestic politics.

Betancourt set free

Politician one of 15 hostages saved by Colombian army

Posing as aid workers, Colombian soldiers come to the rescue of people held for years by leftist guerrilas.

French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt, three Americans and 11 other hostages held for years in jungle captivity were rescued yesterday from leftist guerrillas by Colombian troops posing as aid workers.

The rescue was a huge coup for popular President Alvaro Uribe, an anti-guerrilla hard-liner who has used billions of dollars in U.S. aid to push the rebels onto the defensive, cut crime and spur economic growth.

Betancourt, 46, was the highest profile captive held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, Latin America's oldest surviving left-wing insurgency.

A former presidential candidate, her dual French-Colombian nationality had helped bring world attention to the plight of hostages held by the rebels.

"I believe that this is a sign of peace for Colombia, that we can find peace," Betancourt said, thanking the Colombian military for her rescue and weeping as she made her first public comments, carried on Colombian radio station Caracol.

The rescue was carried out in the southern jungle province of Guaviare, Santos said. Soldiers posed as members of a fictitious non-government organization that supposedly would fly the hostages by helicopter to a camp to meet with rebel leader Alfonso Cano. REUTERS

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French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt hugs her mother as she disembarks from an aircraft in Bogota, Colombia, yesterday after she was rescued from leftist guerrillas.

Dozer rampage kills 3

JERUSALEM. A Palestinian construction worker rampaged in a bulldozer along one of west Jerusalem's busiest streets yesterday, killing three Israelis as he crushed cars and overturned a bus before being shot dead.

There was no claim of responsibility from militant groups and police said they were trying to establish if 30-year-old Hosam Dwayyat had acted alone. At his family home in the Arab east of the city, there was no sign of the crowds and banners that normally accompany the funerals of Palestinian guerrillas. REUTERS

separation?

A senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Vice Premier Haim Ramon, said the incident showed that some Palestinian areas like the one where Dwayyat lived should be separated from Jerusalem.

News in brief

ESTATE. New York hotelier and real estate magnate Leona Helmsley left millions to her beloved dog, Trouble, but she has left between $5 and $8 billion to be put toward the care of dogs in general, The New York Times reported yesterday.

IRAN. Iran said yesterday it was ready to consider a U.S. diplomatic presence in Tehran and called for direct flights between the two countries, nearly three decades after Washington severed ties with Iran. REUTERS

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Google-Yahoo deal subject of antitrust probe, says paper
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Canadians to spend less

Households like drunken sailors, report says.

A new Toronto Dominion Bank report suggests spendthrift Canadians will sober up their spending over the next 18 months, partly because an anticipated retreat in commodity prices will temper national income growth.

A confluence of other factors — including weaker labour-market conditions, cooling housing markets and tamer wealth accumulation — will also force Canadians to get a grip on their finances. Consumer-spending growth is anticipated to slow from an annualized rate above 5 per cent in early 2008 to a more restrained 2.6 per cent pace in 2009.

"Households have been spending almost like drunken sailors over the past couple of years, which provided critical support to the economy when the export-oriented manufacturing sector had been suffering," the report said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadian auto sales drop

TORONTO. Canadian auto sales were lower in June with another sharp 23.8 per cent skid at General Motors of Canada, according to company figures.

Toyota Canada bucked the overall drop with a gain of 8.8 per cent as consumers snapped up its fleet of fuel-friendly vehicles. Canadian auto sales fell 5.7 per cent to 159,500 vehicles in June. REUTERS

News in brief

LOS ANGELES. The Los Angeles Times will slash 250 jobs, including 150 in the newsroom, and trim its published pages by 15 per cent to save money as revenues decline, it said.

NEW DELHI. India's telecoms ministry said it does not see any security risk from Research In Motion's popular BlackBerry and has no plans to shut the service. REUTERS

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CFL Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo was named the CFL's offensive player of the week yesterday after he completed 25 of 37 passes for 293 yards and two touchdowns in a 33-10 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats last Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NBA The Seattle SuperSonics and the City of Seattle reached a settlement in their tempestuous arena lease dispute yesterday. The team's owners agreed to pay the City of Seattle $45 million US in order to terminate the lease. In turn, the Sonics can move to Oklahoma City immediately. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"Whether we like it or not, we're going down this road."

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem on the new drug testing program launching at this week's AT&T National.

Big offer

The Golden State Warriors have reportedly offered free agent Elton Brand a larger deal than the one offered to him by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Sundin spurns Canucks

Swede balks at future relationship with Vancouver, Wings sign Hossa

"It's not you, it's me."

That was basically the message from Mats Sundin, who gave the Canucks the hockey version of, "You're a great person and you're going to make somebody very happy someday, but I'm just not ready for a relationship right now."

The Swedish centre balked at Vancouver's offer to make him the highest paid player in the NHL next season with a Dear John letter of sorts. In a statement released yesterday, Sundin thanked all the teams that had shown interest in him to this point, but said he's "simply not close to being ready to make a decision about resuming my career at this time."

So after proving just how aggressive he is willing to be, GM Mike Gillis now must demonstrate his resourcefulness; most of the big names are gone from a free agent market that didn't boast many to begin with.

Marian Hossa has signed with Detroit, meaning there are even fewer marquee offensive talents in search of contracts. Jaromir Jagr, Pavol Demitra and Markus Naslund were still available at the writing of this article, but each player comes with almost as many reasons not to sign him as to sign him.

ToulBox

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Given what remains on the market, Gillis may be better off trying to trade for scoring than attempting to purchase it this summer.

• While we're making analogies to relationships, Hossa's signing with Detroit must have felt like catching your girlfriend cheating with your brother to the Pittsburgh Penguins. Hossa signs a one-year deal for $7.45 million US, which is virtually the identical amount the Pens were willing to pay him each year for the next five.

Not only do the Wings rip the Stanley Cup from the Penguins' grasp, they also lure away one of the top forwards in the game just a month later.

With Hossa, Ryan Malone and Gary Roberts turning down the opportunity to play with Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, it makes you wonder if coach Michel Therrien is part of the problem instead of the solution in the Steel City.

• Welcome to the world, Murphy triplets, and welcome to the CFL, Walter Stith. Stith will be pressed into action tomorrow as the CFL's reigning Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman since Rob Murphy is in Florida following the birth of his first three children yesterday. Stith joins an offensive line that was anything but dominant a week ago in Calgary, and is already without starting guard Sherko Haji-Rasouli, who injured his hamstring against the Stamps.

Want to weigh in? E-mail me at *scott.rintoul@metronews.ca*

How to make a **Scott Rintoul**: Mix equal parts college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. Shake vigorously.

Baumgartner, Johnson land in Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks brought back defenceman Nolan Baumgartner yesterday, added free-agent forward Ryan Johnson and re-signed goaltender Curtis Sanford.

Baumgartner

Per team policy, terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Baumgartner did not play in the NHL last season, but spent 13 games between the Flyers and Stars in 2006-07, collecting three assists.

Baumgartner had his best campaign in 2005-06 with the Canucks, posting five goals and 34 assists with a plus-11 rating in 70 games. Over 131 contests stretching back to the 1995-96 season with Washington, Chicago, Vancouver, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Dallas, he has picked up six goals and 45 points.

Johnson posted five goals and 18 points in 79 games for the St. Louis Blues in 2007-08. The 32-year-old spent the last five seasons in St. Louis, and has also spent time with the Panthers and Lightning in a 10-year NHL career.

Sanford was 4-3-1 with a 2.83 goals-against average and 0.898 save percentage in 16 games as relief for starter Roberto Luongo last season, Sanford's first with the Canucks.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Pittsburgh Penguins re-signed star forward Evgeni Malkin to a five-year, $43.5-million contract extension yesterday.

NHL The New York Rangers acquired forwards Nikolai Zherdev and Dan Fritsche from the Columbus Blue Jackets yesterday in exchange for defencemen Fedor Tyutin and Christian Backman.

NHL The Atlanta Thrashers signed unrestricted free agent defenceman Ron Hainsey to a five-year, $22.5-million contract US yesterday.

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SCOREBOARD

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 5 Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 6 Cleveland 5 (10 ings)
L.A. Angels 7 Oakland 4
Minnesota 7 Detroit 0
N.Y. Yankees 18 Texas 7
Seattle 4 Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 7 Boston 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Colorado 8 San Diego 1
Florida 4 Washington 2
L.A. Dodgers 4 Houston 1
Milwaukee 4 Arizona 3
Philadelphia 7 Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 9 Cincinnati 5
St. Louis 8 N.Y. Mets 7
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05
Kansas City at Baltimore, 4:05
Oakland at Chicago W. Sox, 5:11
Detroit at Seattle, 7:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 11:05
Milwaukee at Arizona, 12:40
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 4:05
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 4:10
Washington at Cincinnati, 4:10
Florida at Colorado, 5:05
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 5:15

CFL

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B.C.	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Edmonton	0	1	0	0

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Montreal	1	0	0	2
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Winnipeg	0	1	0	0
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WEEK 2

TODAY'S GAMES

Hamilton at Toronto, 4
Calgary at Edmonton, 7

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Winnipeg at Montreal, 4
Saskatchewan at **B.C.**, 7

SOCCER

GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS' MEN'S TEAM:

SATURDAY'S GAME

VANCOUVER at Rochester, 4:35

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER CANADIANS:

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

VANCOUVER 7 Everett 4

TONIGHT'S GAME

VANCOUVER, at Boise, 6:35

Federer breezes into semifinals

TENNIS Champion Roger Federer banished menacing storm clouds yesterday to set up a tantalizing Wimbledon semifinal date with Marat Safin.

The Swiss' pursuit of a modern-era record sixth successive title showed no signs of slowing down when he outgunned, outthought and ultimately outclassed Croatia's Mario Ancic 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 to reach his 17th grand slam semifinal in a row.

There the world No. 1 will meet Russian hothead Safin, who survived a mini eruption in the first set to overcome Spanish 31st seed Feliciano Lopez 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, 6-3.

Andy Murray's hopes of ending Britain's 72-year wait for a men's champion were dashed when he was on the receiving end of a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 lesson from two-time runner-up Rafael Nadal.

Murray, who had produced a stirring comeback from two sets and 4-5 down to beat Frenchman Richard Gasquet in the previous round, acknowledged he was second best on every count.

"His forehand was ridiculous, I couldn't get any rhythm ... I felt rushed on every point."

The women's semifinals are scheduled for today.

REUTERS

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Roger Federer plays a backhand against Mario Ancic of Croatia during men's quarter-final action yesterday at Wimbledon. Federer advanced to his 17th Grand Slam semifinal in a row.

LOTTERIES

Lotto 6/49	12, 18, 19, 35, 42 & 43. Bonus 44.
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Beijing Games

Chinese wrestler banned for life

DOPING. Wrestler Luo Meng became the second Chinese Olympic hopeful to be banned for life after testing positive for a banned substance, state media reported yesterday.

Luo followed top swimmer Ouyang Kunpeng, whose positive test for the banned steroid agent clenbuterol was confirmed last week, in receiving the punishment, Xinhua said.

Luo tested positive for using a banned diuretic, a weight-loss substance that can be used to get rid of the by-products of performance-enhancing drugs. The wrestler's coach, Zhang Hua, also received a life ban. REUTERS

Australia makes nice over training

NEW DEAL. The Australian swimming team will thrash out a deal with Malaysia to ensure their Asian hosts' Olympic training schedule is not turned upside down.

Reports had said the Australians, who have rented Malaysia's National Aquatic Centre, were refusing to share pool time with the Malaysian swimmers, forcing them to get up before dawn to get training in.

But Swimming Australia said yesterday the reports were inaccurate. REUTERS

Pistorius fails in first 400 bid

ATHLETICS. Double amputee Oscar Pistorius failed in his first bid to reach the Olympic 400 metres qualification time at an athletics meeting yesterday in Milan.

The South African, who runs with carbon fibre blades attached below the knees, is entitled to compete against able-bodied runners following a Court of Arbitration for Sport ruling in May. REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

IT'S ALL IN THE SUIT. Since swimmers started wearing the Speedo LZR Racer model in February, more than 40 world records have fallen. Pick up tomorrow's Metro to read more.

35 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Race to the top

P.E.I. native ready to run

MATTHEW WUEST
for Metro Canada

Jared Connaughton was always fast. Whether he was at the hockey rink or on the soccer field, he was by far the fastest kid in New Haven, P.E.I., an offensive-minded forward who left defenders in his dust.

"I'm considered, right now, on paper, Canada's fastest man, and that's a pretty cool place to be."
Jared Connaughton, sprinter

"It was sort of my thing," he recalls. "I was known for it."

He relied on it. He never spent much time refining his technical skills in either sport because his breakaway speed alone was enough to make him an effective player.

But he didn't officially begin his journey to becoming the fastest man in Canada until he hit Grade 11.

That's when he discovered track — a sport he'd never considered because his small Maritime island didn't have proper facilities — and dropped everything to make it his life.

"Track and field isn't something participated in at a high level in my province," Connaughton says. "To see it as something that could get you on an Olympic team, or an opportunity for an education or a profession, was a lofty goal."

Connaughton can thank David MacEachern, a Charlottetown, P.E.I., native and gold-medal winning bobsledder at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, for helping him find his true calling relatively late in the career of a sprinter.

MacEachern was looking for elite athletes to train for high-level sport, and he found a great one in Connaughton.

The two connected in March 2002, and six months of heavy training later, Connaughton won a gold medal in the 200 metres at the Canadian youth championships.

"I went from basically nothing to fastest youth in Canada in a very short period of time," he says. "I think that was my awakening as far as what my potential could possibly be."

It's been a miraculous evolution for Connaughton, who, at age 22, is a shoo-in for an Olympic spot after completing a four-year track career at the University of Texas at Arlington.

With no formal track facilities in P.E.I., Connaughton learned the ropes in a 60-metre hallway outside his school gym, and when the weather improved, he took his training outside.

"I hammered blocks into the turf on the soccer field, I ran on a dirt track, I ran on a baseball diamond, I ran up sand dunes," he says. "The sky's the limit on my imagination, training-wise.

"At the time, I didn't know any better. I later learned it was kind of a crazy training atmosphere. But it worked for me."

He says there are times when he wonders where he'd be today if he hadn't quit hockey or soccer, but those moments are fleeting because of the success he's had as a sprinter.

"I'm considered, right now, on paper, Canada's fastest man, and that's a pretty cool place to be," he says.

His best time in the 100 is 10.15 seconds, and he has a 20.35 clocking in the 200. Both are Olympic A standards. He is confident he will reach his peak in Beijing.

"All I have to do is execute and I can be one of the fastest men in the world," Connaughton said. "That's a really, promising, motivating thought to give yourself every day."

Runner Jared Connaughton is a shoo-in for an Olympic spot after completing a four-year track career at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Fast facts

NAME: Jared Connaughton.
HOMETOWN: New Haven, P.E.I.
AGE: 23 on July 20.
MEASUREMENTS: Five-foot-nine, 180 pounds.
SPORT: Track.
SPECIALTIES: 100 metres, 200 metres, 4x100 relay.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING: July 3 to 6 at the Canadian track and field championships in Windsor, Ont.
OFF THE TRACK: Trivia and movie buff.

JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Swimmer Michael Phelps.

Phelps lands another berth

SWIMMING. Michael Phelps staked his claim to another Beijing Olympics berth during the U.S. swimming trials on Tuesday with a sizzling performance in the 100 metres freestyle preliminaries.

Phelps became the sixth swimmer to clock under 48 seconds with a time of 47.92 to win his heat then withdrew from the event believing he had done enough to secure a spot on the 4x100 relay team.

"One and done," Phelps' coach Bob Bowman told reporters. "He was trying to break 48 and he did and that sets him up nicely for the relay."

Phelps, who has targeted Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals at a single summer Games in Beijing, has qualified in the 400 metres medley and 200 metres freestyle.

His victory in the 200 freestyle also clinched him a place on the 4x200 relay squad. REUTERS

Sports in brief

U.S. TRIALS. Natalie Coughlin and Aaron Peirsol blitzed to world records in the 100 metres backstroke at the U.S. swimming trials on Tuesday. Coughlin stormed to the wall in a time of 58.97 seconds, becoming the first woman to dip under 59 seconds. Peirsol powered home in 52.89 seconds. REUTERS

DRUG TESTING. Dara Torres, fearful she will be branded a drug cheat rather than an Olympic great, is undergoing unprecedented drug-testing as she bids to earn a trip to her fifth Games at this week's U.S. swimming trials. At 41, she will be the oldest female swimmer to compete at the Games — if she qualifies in the 50- and 100-metre freestyle. REUTERS

Emissions U.S. President George W. Bush said yesterday he hoped industrialized and developing nations could make progress on a long-term goal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. Leaders of G8 nations will meet next week in Japan to discuss long-term and interim steps to reducing carbon dioxide emissions. REUTERS

Going Green

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Carbon taxes are effective

Solutions to reduce global warming deserve our support, not scorn

ScienceMatters

I admit: We aren't 100 per cent sure that human activity is causing global warming. So let's all go home in our SUVs and join an "axe-the-tax" campaign.

Come to think of it, we aren't sure that our houses will be robbed, flooded, or burned to the ground, so let's cancel our home insurance while we're at it.

If nine out of 10 doctors said your child needed an immediate operation, would you wait until all 10 agreed?

A report prepared by M.K. Jaccard and Associates for the David Suzuki Foundation titled Pricing Carbon: Saving Green argued persuasively that a carbon tax is an effective tool for bringing emissions down, and governments, scientists, and economists around the world agree.

Politicians have two powerful instruments to influence behaviour: Regulation and taxation. In the mindless mantra of anti-taxation groups, taxes are bad and we should always cut and never increase them. The ludicrous aspect is that these groups are silent about the enormous taxpayer subsidies to fossil-fuel and related industries that make windfall profits while resisting even a small tax hike.

JEFF HOGSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A man protests B.C.'s carbon tax earlier this week outside a Chevron station on Kingsway in Vancouver.

For 20 years, scientists have warned of the need for urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Leading economists have shown that the cost to bring emissions down will be about one per cent of GDP annually, while the costs incurred if we don't reduce emissions could be economically catastrophic.

When politicians, business people, and citizens show leadership by proposing or implementing solutions to the very real problems facing the planet (yes, more than 90 per cent certain is as real as it gets in science), they deserve our support, not mockery and politically motivated misinformation. Axe the tax, my ass!

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge at *www.davidsuzuki.org*.

Dr. David Suzuki is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. He is the co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation in Vancouver where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

Investors flock to 'green gold rush'

LONDON. In what is being called a "green gold rush," global investment in renewable energy surged some 60 per cent to $148 billion US in 2007, a UN agency said this week.

Buoyed by soaring fossil-fuel prices and concerns over the carbon dioxide emissions that fuel global warming, investment in clean energy from sources like wind, solar and biofuels last year rose three times faster than predicted by the UN Environmental Program (UNEP).

"Just as thousands were drawn to California and the Klondike in the late 1800s, the green energy gold rush is attracting legions of modern-day prospectors in all parts of the globe," said Achim Steiner, head of UNEP. REUTERS

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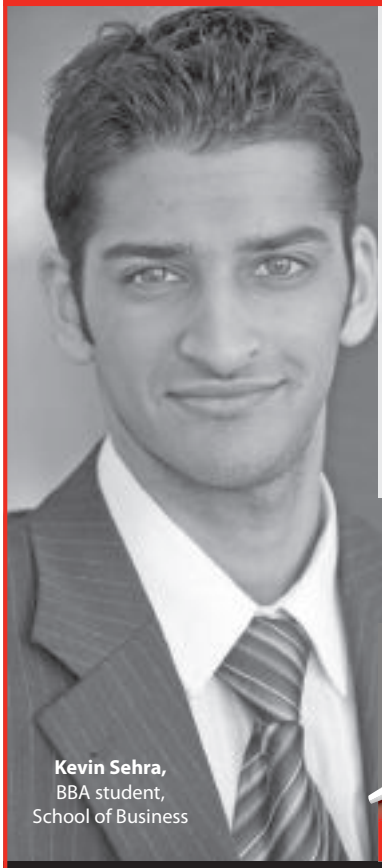

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New Homes

House prices on the rise ... slowly

Real estate market currently has more home sellers than buyers

KRISTA MARTIN
for Metro Vancouver

House prices have soared over the last few years and will continue to rise — albeit at a slower rate — despite fewer buyers, according to the B.C. Real Estate Association (BCREA).

The average home in 2007 cost $564,375 compared to $615,304 this year, resulting in a 9 per cent increase in the greater Vancouver area.

There are also more sellers than buyers. The BCREA reports a 25.4 per cent increase compared to last year.

"Rising inventories are providing more choice for consumers and exerting less upward pressure on home prices," said Cameron Muir, chief economist for the BCREA.

Muir says the amount of buyers may have to do with people moving from other provinces and the high economy is creating a balance in the market.

"The more households we have the more houses that are being demanded," he explained.

Vancouver realtor Carole Lieberman of Dexter Associates Realty agreed.

"There are still plenty of buyers but there is a lot more product to choose from," she said.

"It's easier to get in the market now, not because it's cheaper, but because there are fewer bidding wars.

"Rising inventories are providing more choice for consumers and exerting less upward pressure on home prices."
Cameron Muir, BCREA

"You couldn't do that last year," she said.

Remax realtor, David Campbell, suggested that buyers should hold off buying until house prices lower over the next several years.

Housing prices have doubles in the last 6 to 7 years says Remax realtor, David Campbell.

"Prices have doubled in the last 6 to 7 years," he said. "People who can't afford to buy a house now should take their time and build up toward a deposit and wait for house prices to level out in the next two to three years."

Campbell said that house prices remain high because the market has not caught up with the sales.

"Houses are sold in a 30- to 90-day period, whereas before it would be sold within a day or two."

"But there is no reticence from consumers when it comes to paying for high house prices."

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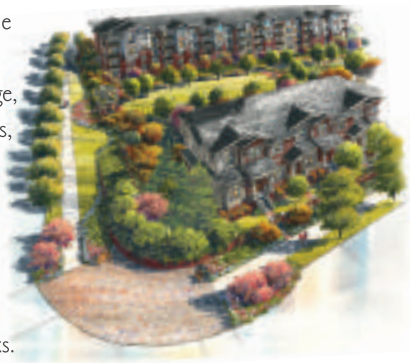

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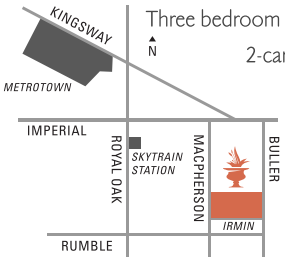

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This file photo shows construction in progress on the Vancouver Olympic & Paralympic Village.

The race is already on for being a homeowner in Olympic Village, which is now available for presale.

Expected to be finished by November 2009, The Olympic Village in South East False Creek (SEFC) will be home to almost 3, 000 athletes. It will soon be brought online for sale right after the games and is expected to house its new tenants within the next few years.

Known for its prestige, the Olympic Village will also be Vancouver's first step to future sustainable living.

"It's part of the City's commitment to sustainable development, and to have the first phase to be used by athletes and officials is exciting," said Jody Andrews, deputy manager and project manager for the SEFC and Olympic Village. "I think that it's something that the City of Vancouver should be very proud of."

Between the games and opening day, the units, which will be temporary transformed into shared-resting areas for athletes, will return to normal, and amenities like an elementary school, civic centre, grocery and drug stores and restaurants will be added into the community.

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However, sustainability doesn't stop here. With world leading sustainable technologies like rain-water harvesting, bio-swales, net zero energy buildings and heat recovery systems, SEFC is already exceeding the current environmental design standards in North America. Yet all this is done without subsidy, but only relying on revenue from marketed products.

"What that intends to show is that you can achieve these high levels of sustainability without subsidies," Andrews said. "So, future jurisdictions can learn from us and even take it to the next level once we finish this development."

Rainscreens can soak up repair costs

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

HOME REPAIR When buying a home built after 1996, be sure to check for its rainscreen technology or be prepared to soak up repair costs that may go up to thousands.

Rainscreen technology is a 10-19-millimetre wall cavity built between the exterior line of defence and the interior wall. So, if water gets pass the exterior stucco, it will hit the cavity, fall down and drain back outside. Homes installed with rainscreen technology are identifiable by the through-flashing at the floor lines or drainage breaks over the building face.

Included in the 1996 Vancouver Building By-law for most multi-family residential buildings, rainscreen technology hopes to minimize complaints of water ingress, which may deteriorate wood studs, soak the installation and even rot the walls. The by-law was amended again last year to include one and two family dwellings after the 2005 National Building Code of Canada and 2006 Provincial Building Code have also implemented the change.

Will Johnston, the director, licences and inspections and chief building official said the change was crucial.

"We've had some concerns about water ingress into the buildings," he said. "The costs for repair can be extensive, depending on how long (the water ingress) has gone on, how invasive the water is and how deep into the house the water travelled."

One of the more severely affected units was Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, which is a non-profit social services facilities built in 1995. The wood-rot and water ingress from leaking flashings and water penetration became apparent in 2003.The house requested repairing costs of up to $500,000 in an administrative report to council in 2004.

However, if your pre-1996 home does not have rainscreen technology but is not leaking, you're not missing out.

"If it's not leaking then it's not leaking. The rainscreen is just another level of protection," Johnston added. "We can't retroactively go in and make someone build the rain screen. We don't have the authority to do that in the current building by-law."

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Take your untapped talent outside

Possibilities abound if you paint a Pollock for your pantry

UrbanDweller

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With weather this fine, this is no time to be fussing around indoors. This is your big chance to take your inner artist outside to play Pollock.

You know Jackson Pollock, the artist who threw cans of house paint on massive sheets of canvas on his barn floor and became the American poster boy for Abstract Expressionism.

Now that décor has come back around to his mid-century modern era, a splashy Pollock-esque painting fits right into a living room with low-profile furnishings.

You can do it. Your kid could do it. All you need is some outdoor space. If you don't have your own, stake out a place in a nearby park. But first, stop by Opus (Granville Island or Cambie and Hastings) or DeSerres (Granville and Broadway or Main near Terminal) to pick up a large primed canvas stretched on a frame.

Be bold and go big. Then head over to your neighbourhood paint store and inquire about last year's series of water-based latex paint samples or tiny cans of mistints. Select hues that speak to you, tell them it's for an art project and you might get it gratis. Buy a plastic drop sheet and head back to your painting place.

Set-up is simple: lay down the ground sheet, drop the canvas frame into the middle and let the spirit take over. I plug into an iPod, but you might get into the wine, as Pollock did, and get ready to get messy.

The next part has no rules, but this is how I pulled the Pollock-inspired piece shown here: I determined which paint I wanted to use in larger quantity for background and what I wanted to use sparingly in the foreground. I poured pools of one paint colour onto the canvas, then stood back to assess. I opened another can and poured other pools so that they overlap. I looked at how the paint fused (or didn't) and decided if I wanted to keep that up or cover it up. I used a stick to dip into the black and white paint and 'whipped' lines over the canvas to break up the blobby look.

"I plug into an iPod, but you might get into the wine, as Pollock did, and get ready to get messy."

Stick to your instincts and take chances. The beauty of this kind of action painting process is in the spontaneity. Once it's hanging on the wall all those drips, splashes and blobs will start to sing, "You had this in you!"

Carlyn Yandle has her own room-planning business, Home Reworks, www.homereworks.com.

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Steve-O's legal woes
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Entertainment

Misses laughs

Oscar nominee Amy Ryan is heading back to TV because she misses the laughs on The Office. The Gone Baby Gone star will return to the U.S. sitcom as Holly Flax next season. IMDB.COM

Acting for the blue screen

Brendan Fraser is a veteran of effects-heavy films

"The Audience doesn't want to see anybody's homework," Fraser says.

There's a quiet, dreamy tone to Brendan Fraser's remarks, as if he's not quite present in this hotel room where he's sprawled on a sofa. Long, tiring day on the publicity trail?

Could be. The 39-year-old American-born actor of Canadian descent, who spent four years as a teenager at Upper Canada College — the unpleasant aspects of which gave him material for his role as a prep school student in the 1992 movie School Ties — is promoting not only a movie, but a technology.

He stars in Journey to the Center of the Earth, a 3-D movie adaptation of the 1864 sci-fi classic by Jules Verne. It opens July 11.

release

Journey To The Center Of The Earth opens tomorrow.

It's the kind of effects-heavy movie Fraser is familiar with. In his 1999 hit, The Mummy, he engaged in furious sword fights with mummies onscreen. During the filming, Fraser slashed away in front of a blue screen. The CGI folks put in the mummies afterward.

"In my case, I prefer to have no one there," Fraser says. "It's easier for me. You can swing away with your sword without worrying about running through a stunt man. The CGI people can then do what they do. The audience doesn't want to see anybody's homework."

In the same way, Fraser is perfectly comfortable with pretending to be running from a vicious predator in this latest movie, even though nothing's behind him.

They don't give Oscars to this kind of acting, but Fraser doesn't mind. Ever since he came to Los Angeles in 1991, Fraser has accepted without hesitation the roles that have fallen to his lot.

"I'm like most actors," Fraser says. "They don't idle well. They like to work. I know I'm one of those types, too. I've had some very good fortune in the last 15 years or so in terms of being able to work, and I guess being in this kind of big-budget picture … allows for some leeway to work on projects that are a little more handpicked."

He is referring to such critically acclaimed movies as Gods and Monsters (1998) and the 2002 adaptation of the Graham Greene novel, The Quiet American, where Fraser's acting was more sophisticated than the scream and run from the monster variety.

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Brendan Fraser arrives at the California premiere of Journey To The Center Of The Earth recently.

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Pregnant actress Jolie doing well in hospital

Pregnant actress Angelina Jolie is doing well in a French Riviera hospital and is expected to give birth to twins in "the coming weeks," her doctor said on yesterday.

Doctor Michel Sussmann gave few details away during a brief news conference, declining to reveal the sex of the expected babies or give a clear indication of the likely birth date.

"What she needs now is simple surveillance by monitoring to ensure the good health of her babies in the weeks to come," Sussmann said at the Lenval hospital in the southern French city of Nice.

Jolie, 33, arrived at the hospital on Sunday by helicopter and has a suite of rooms reserved for her and her partner Brad Pitt, which have been sealed off by bodyguards.

"Mrs. Angelina Jolie and … Mr. Brad Pitt, told me to let you know that she is doing just fine at the moment," Sussmann said.

"She is a patient like any other … very simple and for whom I have a great deal of respect," he added.

After months of speculation surrounding her pregnancy, Jolie finally confirmed she was expecting twins in an interview at the Cannes film festival in May.

Angelina Jolie

Asked when the twins might arrive, the doctor said: "I cannot give you a date. Let's say that the birth will take place in the coming weeks." He added that it was too soon to say the babies might be premature.

Sources close to the couple said that Jolie was likely to give birth in August or maybe even July.

Jolie's room is spacious, looking out on to the Mediterranean sea, sources say. Jolie, star of current hit movie Wanted, and Pitt, of Ocean's Eleven fame, went public with their relationship after co-starring in the 2005 film Mr. & Mrs. Smith. REUTERS

O'Neal pleads guilty in drug case

IN COURT Tatum O'Neal pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct yesterday in connection with her crack-cocaine bust last month — and could have the arrest thrown out if she does as she's told, *tmz.com* reports. A Manhattan judge ordered the actress to spend two half-day sessions in a drug-treatment program and pay a $95 US fee. She was arrested June 2 after allegedly trying to buy crack and coke from a vagrant.

Tatum O'Neal

Van Halen canned from P.E.I. concert

MUSIC Van Halen has been ditched from a concert in Prince Edward Island after government officials realized they can't afford to put it on, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The Charlottetown show was to have taken place this September, but Tourism Minister Valerie Docherty said with the rising costs of the event, "It's not the best use of taxpayers' money."

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Actress Meryl Streep, right, has denied rumours she used a body double in new movie Mamma Mia!, insisting she performed the "splits" for real.
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Style **File**

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ask kim

I'm looking to buy a new swimsuit but I am a little bit hippy what type of cut should I be looking for?
Cuts are important for the finding the right swimsuit for your body but also consider colours and patterns. Swimco suggests that if you're a bit hippy then you should look out for a printed top and solid bottom. Flattering leg cuts like skirted bottoms and boardshorts can help too.

E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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swimsuits

Full piece swimsuits can still look as sexy as a two piece bikini. This summer try a one piece on for the beach. There are a variety of modern styles and cuts that can even be more flattering that wearing the typical two piece. If patterns aren`t your thing than colour blocked suits are your best bet, they`re classic and attention getting. Here`s a little tanning tip, if you`re worried about a strap tan then buy a halter suit this way you can easily untie the straps and fold them over for maximum sun exposure.

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tip
Like to sit pool side? Chlorine can break down the fibers in swimsuits and make the colour fade faster so try looking for a swimsuit that is made out of polyester — the only swimsuit fabric that can withstand chlorine.

beach hats

Sometimes sunscreen just isn't enough. Protect yourself from the sun and unwanted wrinkles with a hat that`s perfect for the beach and also great for the streets. Look for hats that have a big enough brim to cover your neck and your delicate décolleté. Help keep cool with a breathable hat, straw hats with a loose weave can help with this. If you`re out traveling this summer then a pliable hat you can fold into quarters would be perfect for packing.

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Thomas McCarthy balances writing, directing and acting.

Multi-faceted McCarthy

Indie actor to star in disaster film 2012

Thomas McCarthy — the writer and director behind the season's indie sleeper hit, The Visitor — is moving into disaster movie territory by booking a role in Roland Emmerich's film 2012.

McCarthy, on a cross-Europe jaunt promoting the immigration-themed The Visitor, joins an ensemble cast that includes John Cusack, Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover and Oliver Platt.

McCarthy will play the boyfriend of Peet, who is the ex-wife of Cusack's character.

The movie is a far cry from the types of films McCarthy is known for, whether as an actor (he had roles in Michael Clayton and Flags of Our Fathers) or as a director (his first movie was the award-winning The Station Agent).

McCarthy said he is driven to roles out of curiosity.

"As an actor, I've never worked on anything with this scale before, and I always go see these movies," McCarthy said in a recent interview.

"And then there's the director part of me. I get really excited about working with directors like this, who do things that are so wildly different from me. And he (Emmerich) really is. He works on a totally different canvas."

While some actors do big studio projects in order to sustain themselves in between indie character films, this is not the case here, McCarthy said.

"This does have a big budget and I do make more money, which is nice."
Thomas McCarthy

"This does have a big budget and I do make more money, which is nice, but I know if you take a job like this just for the money, you'll be miserable," he said.

"There's got to be something as an actor, and also in this case, as a director, that I'm excited about. There are other ways for me to make money."

McCarthy, much like John Sayles, who takes on studio writing jobs in between his movies, also does rewrites and polishes for the big companies.

McCarthy lately has been taking roles in movies being made by writer-directors as a way to learn things that apply to his own work, which is why he has gigs in Tony Gilroy's Duplicity and Peter Jackson's The Lovely Bones.

"As a writer-director I love to work with other writer-directors," he said. "It's such a bonus for me. I'm not only watching and observing, I'm involved in the process. It's cool luxury."

The film 2012 is set to shoot in August in Vancouver. McCarthy also will begin working on a new script that he intends to direct.

In the meantime, he is enjoying the response to Visitor, which has grossed more than $7.6 million since nascent indie studio Overture began its slow rollout in April.

"We have emerged as a nice alternative to the big movies that come out every weekend," he said.

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Arctic Monkey's Jamie Cook.

Monkeys begin third album

FOLLOWUP Arctic Monkeys are to start work on their third album this month, femalefirst. co.uk reports.

Guitarist Jamie Cook revealed that the band is to go back to its hometown of Sheffield, England, to record the followup to 2007's Favourite Worst Nightmare.

He told BBC 6 Music: "We'll get back in Alex Turner's room in Sheffield and start writing some tunes." METRO NEWS SERVICES

New Jackson song online

MUSIC A new Michael Jackson song has appeared online, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Hold My Hand, featuring rapper Akon, has cropped up on various websites and is reportedly due to feature on his comeback album, which Akon is believed to be producing.
METRO NEWS SERVICES

Nitpicky hubby

Actress Jada Pinkett Smith calls her husband, actor Will Smith, Captain Correction, because, she says, he always thinks he is right and is forever pointing out people's mistakes to them. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Getting Lost with a book

WELL READ: There's definitely something happening with the culture in general when a TV show — and not one with Oprah Winfrey hosting — does its best to encourage its viewers to read more.

Books have been a prominent prop and plot device on Lost over its four seasons, the most obvious being Lost Twin, the book by Gary Troup: It didn't end up having much to do with the show, but that didn't stop fans from making it a bestseller.

No doubt inspired by this show of fan loyalty, ABC has launched the Lost Book Club, with e-commerce links that let you buy titles profiled on the show. ABC's book club site will include a synopsis of the book and an explanation of how it ties into a specific episode — Jack Kerouac's On The Road, for instance, is featured because Michael Emerson's Ben Linus uses the name of one of its characters (Dean Moriarty) as an alias in season four, Dickens' A Tale Of Two Cities simply shares a title with an episode in season three. The selection of books is hard to characterize, and ranges from the obvious (Michael Crichton's Jurassic Park, Aldous Huxley's Island, William Golding's Lord Of The Flies, Conrad's Heart Of Darkness) to the outlandish (Stephen King's Carrie and the children's classic Bonjour, Babar.)

Frankly, this doesn't do much to dispel the image of the show as Thursday night post-pizza-and-doobie viewing for graduate students on the 8-year-plan, but that's probably part of its appeal. It's when the book club starts including Carlos Castaneda books among its offerings that I'd start getting worried.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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going out

8 P.M.
Monty Python's Spamalot Musical. At The Centre for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tix: $60.50-$90.50 plus service charges and fees. Info: *montypythonsspamalot.com*.

8 P.M.
DJs SNFU and Nim Vind play punk. At The Red Room, 398 Richards St. Tix: $12. Info: *redroomonrichards.com*.

8 P.M.
American rock band Ashes Divide. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $20. Info: richardsonrichards.com.

8 P.M.
King Lear. At Bard on the Beach, 301-601 Cambie St. Tix: $33. Info: *bardonthebeach.org*.

9 P.M.
DJs Siavash King-XL and Jial-14 spin house and hip-hop. At Caprice Nightclub, 967 Granville St. Tix: $10. Info: *capricenightclub.com*.

Horror legacies massacred

There is something shameless and arrogant and foul about a director who massacres the legacy of a classic horror flick in a selfish attempt to piggyback on its greatness. For this reason, it is with six times the disdain that I report that **Stan Helsing** — a horror movie spoof that will see a video store clerk take on "the six most-feared monsters in cinematic history" on Halloween night — begins filming in Vancouver today. Victims in question are rumoured to include Dracula, Wolf Man and Frankenstein's monster. It will be the directorial debut for **Bo Zenga**, the man behind cinematic masterpieces such as **Soul Plane** (as a writer) and **Scary Movie** (as a producer).

Also beginning in Vancouver today is filming of season six of lesbian drama **The L-Word**. In an interview with *gaydarnation.com*, creator, writer and executive producer **Ilene Chaiken** stayed mum about this season's plot line, saying the team is "trying more than we have in seasons past to just keep a lid on the stories until we unveil them on Showtime." If history is any indication though, Shane, the short-haired lady-killer played by **Katherine Moennig**, will continue convincing confused female viewers that sexual orientation comes on a sliding scale.

Lastly, **Dana Carvey** was recently on The Tonight Show telling **Jay Leno** about how he bombed during a set at the Red Robinson Theatre in Coquitlam. Carvey said that some guy backstage told him to start with a joke about Surrey girls — "What's the first thing a Surrey girl does when she wakes up in the morning? She thanks the team." — and the Emmy award-winning Saturday Night Live alum actually did. "I sucked," said Carvey, not mimicking a Surrey girl. "It was dead silence for an hour."

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Dana Carvey explains how he bombed during a set at the Red Robinson Theatre in Coquitlam.

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Katherine Moennig stars in the lesbian drama The L-Word.

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295	651	36	WGN	Chicago's Summer Blast		WGN News	Two/Half Men	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	My Wife-Kids
297	652	37	WPX	CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Will & Grace	Frasier (CC)	George Lopez	Odd Couple
199	311	76	STR	News (N)	News		Late Show-Letterman		(:37) Last Comic Standing (N) (CC)			Late Late
502	390	23	NW	The Nature of Things (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		The Nature of Things (CC)		National
500	500	43	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners. From Safeco Field in Seattle. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Edmonton Eskimos. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)						SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		SportsCentre
411	457	49	OLN	Don't Forget Your Passport		Pilot Guides (CC)		Don't Forget Your Passport		Everest: Man	Jet Set (CC)	Mark Williams
410	403	54	SCR	Score Update		Schwab	Q'back Chall	Score Update		Score Update		Score Update
417	406	55	SC	Rolex Sports Car Series		Pinks	Pass Time	Monster Jam		Pinks -- All Out		Low Life
416	409	144	GLF	Fútbol Español		Gol TV News		Extra Time		Gol TV News		Gol TV News
552	543	25	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
555	545	50	TEL	George	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen (CC)	Total Drama	Futurama	Mars Attacks! ★★ (1996) Jack Nicholson.		
557	541	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
553	546	56	TRE	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie	Beren. Bears	Dragon	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Crazy Quilt	Treetown	Comfy Couch
268	354	5	KNO	Profiles of Nature (CC)		Big Ideas	Design e2	Around the World		No. 57: History-House		King-Empire
575	583	20	CMT	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Dedicated (N)		Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Ed (CC)
570	580	24	MM	Instant Star	MuchTopTens Top 10.		Gone Wild	Punk'd (CC)	Gone Wild	Muchmusic Countdown (CC)		
600	564	26	H&G	Junk Brothers	The Big Flip	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		The Fix (CC)	Disaster DIY	Junk Brothers
615	520	61	A&E	The First 48 (CC)		Crime 360 (CC)		The First 48 "Deadly Betrayal"		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48
628	584	62	SPKE	(6:00) TNA iMPACT! (N) (CC)		Factory	MANswers	MANswers	Factory	UFC 86: Jackson vs. Griffin		Factory
521	560	64	TLC	Miami Ink Denied entry. (N)		American Chopper (CC)		Miami Ink Denied entry. (CC)		Monster G	Monster G	LA Ink (CC)
616	522	63	SHO	ReGenesis "The Oldest Virus"		Intelligence (CC) (DVS)		G-Spot (CC)	Exes & Ohs	Secret Diary	Secret Diary	House "DNR"
620	523	70	BVO	(6:00) Possession ★★ (2002)		Law & Order "Trophy" (CC)		Without a Trace (CC)		Kikujiro ★★ (1999) Yusuke Sekiguchi. (CC)		
601	562	71	SLC	The Biggest Loser (CC)		Rich Bride, Poor Bride (CC)		Last 10	Bulging Brides	The Biggest Loser (CC)		Trading Sp
520	505	72	DIS	MythBusters "Deadly Straw"		Daily Planet (CC)		Sport Science		In the Shadow of the Moon		
522	506	74	HIS	NCIS "Blackwater" (CC)		Nuclear Sharks (CC)		The Hunt for Red October ★★★ (1990) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. (CC)				
627	528	45	SPC	(6:00) The Lost Room (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Prophecy"		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		Star Trek Gen.
294	650	57	TBS	Lara Croft: Tomb Raider ★★ (2001) (PA) Angelina Jolie. (CC)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Bill Engvall	(:40) My Boys	Swordfish (PA)
619	525	48	TROP	Inside Hollywood (CC)		ET Canada	What	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)	Family Guy
603	561	92	FN	Secret Life of	Secret Life of	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Iron Chef America (CC)		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Secret Life of
626	547	57	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Just for Laughs (CC)		Daily Show
320	621	60	CEN	(6:25) The Marsh (2006) (CC)		Time Bomb (2007) Jake Busey. Premiere.				The Brothers Solomon ★ (2007) Will Arnett.		Time Bomb
581	566	101	MTV	True Life "I Stutter" (N) (CC)		MTV Live (CC)		The Real World (CC)		True Life "I Stutter" (CC)		MTV Live
261	394	102	V	(6:00) Being There ★★★ (1979) (CC)			Shrines	Affectionately Yours ★★ (1941, Comedy) Merle Oberon. (CC)				Paid Program
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critics' corner

Swingtown
Does the name Harry Reems mean anything to you? If you remember the 1970s, you'll recognize his name; he was the biggest male porn star of the era. He appears in this new episode, played by an actor (Rick D. Wasserman, "24"), in which the Deckers (Grant Show, Lana Parrilla) host a fundraiser for an actor in legal trouble. Yes, the real Reems did get in trouble over "Deep Throat." 10 PM on CBS

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
You may need tissues for this one, as the victim of the week is a 3-year-old girl whose body is discovered in a packing box outside a comedy club. One clue leads the CSI team to a registered sex offender and his girlfriend, but the man denies any involvement in the child's death. But Catherine's (Marg Helgenberger) emotional investment in the case is pegging her skepticism meter in "A Thousand Days on Earth." 8 PM on CTV

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Comedians Will Ferrell, left, and Sacha Baron Cohen will star in a forthcoming film about fictional detective Sherlock Holmes. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Hathaway was after Follieri's money: Trump

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FIGHTING Real-estate mogul Donald Trump has lashed out at Anne Hathaway, claiming the actress was only with alleged conman Raffaello Follieri for his money, imdb.com reports.

The Devil Wears Prada star is said to have broken up with the businessman earlier this month, shortly before he was arrested on suspicion of fraud.

And Trump insists Hathaway should have remained by Follieri's side throughout his legal ordeal.

In an statement issued by his publicist to ABCNews.com, Trump says: "After (his legal troubles) she was gone ...and fast! Sadly, that seems to be the way life works."

In an interview with Access Hollywood, he added: "She hasn't remained very loyal to him, has she? So when he had plenty of money, she liked him, but then after that, not as good, right?"

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McGowan, Rodriguez split

BREAKUP Actress Rose McGowan has reportedly split with fiancé Robert Rodriguez — because of financial difficulties on forthcoming film Barbarella, imdb.com reports.

The Grindhouse star was set to take the lead in a remake of the 1968 cult classic, with Rodriguez directing the movie.

But the couple have now allegedly split following disagreements over the film's money problems.

McGowan apparently wasn't a big enough box office draw for the $70-million US remake, after her 2007 film Grindhouse only grossed $25.4 million.

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Too skinny 'unsexy,' Theron says

PEOPLE Charlize Theron feels "unsexy" when she is too skinny, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress had to lose a lot of weight for a movie role and felt uncomfortable as she prefers being curvier.

Theron — who also gained more than 28 pounds to plays murderer Aileen Wuornos in the movie Monster — said: "I played a woman with cancer in Sweet November. I went down to a Size 6 and I felt completely uncomfortable. I remember being cold and wrapping my arms around my body and feeling ribs and bone. I felt totally unsexy."

Theron — who has been dating actor Stuart Townsend for about six years — also took a swipe at Hollywood stars who put partying ahead of their careers.

She added to Britain's Elle magazine: "I don't buy in to all that. Actually, it upsets me the way a lot of so-called celebrities just completely exploit themselves. I don't get it.

"There's a decorum that I believe just doesn't exist in Hollywood any more. My whole life is about trying to move away from bad things and be happy."

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celebrity brief

Kanye to work on new shoe line

FASHION Kanye West is collaborating on a shoe line with designer label Louis Vuitton, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The rapper was in the front row for the fashion giant's unveiling of its Spring 2009 collection in Paris last week.

West, who was joined by music producer Pharrell Williams, confirmed he will be working with Louis Vuitton to design a range of men's footwear.

Speaking at the show, dressed entirely in his own fashion line, West said: "I'm here for Louis. I grew up with the Louis look, you know. I just love the style."

West — famed for his bright plastic slatted sunglasses — has already revealed plans to release his own brand of women's wear, separate from the Vuitton shoes deal, which will debut later this year.

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Lavish wedding for Hayek

MARRIAGE Salma Hayek is reportedly planning to spend $3.5 million US on her wedding, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Frida star, who has a nine-month-old daughter, Valentina Paloma, with her fiancé, businessman Francois-Henri Pinault, is set to wed Francois in a lavish ceremony in France next spring.

A source told the National Enquirer magazine: "It took Francois over a year to get Salma to agree to marry him, and he doesn't want to spare any expense. Francois basically gave her the key to the vault and said, 'Go wild.' "

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Radcliffe calls new Potter racy

FILM Actor Daniel Radcliffe has compared the latest Harry Potter installment to cult movie Trainspotting — insisting the new film contains "a fair amount of sexual energy and drug parallels," imdb.com reports.

Radcliffe recently finished filming the sixth Potter movie — Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, which is due for release in November.

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celebrity brief

McGraw speaks out about attack

MUSIC Tim McGraw has spoken out about his attack on a rowdy fan at a show in Washington last week, imdb.com reports.

The country star has downplayed the incident, during which he helped security staff eject an unruly reveller at a concert in Auburn.

He says, "I was just trying to keep peace and the security guys just couldn't get there in time."

McGraw took action after he spotted the man assault a woman in the audience.

The incident made headlines last week when footage of it surfaced online.

McGraw halted his performance of Indian Outlaw to yell for help, screaming, "Get rid of this guy! Security!"

McGraw's spokeswoman has since revealed the "overly aggressive fan" attacked a female fan, and Tim witnessed the incident.

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O'Donnell laughs off break-up talk

RUMOUR Comedian-actress Rosie O'Donnell has laughed off reports she is splitting up with girlfriend Kelli Carpenter — and has slammed the journalist who started the rumour, imdb.com reports.

It was reported on Monday that the actress and comedienne had split with long-time partner Carpenter.

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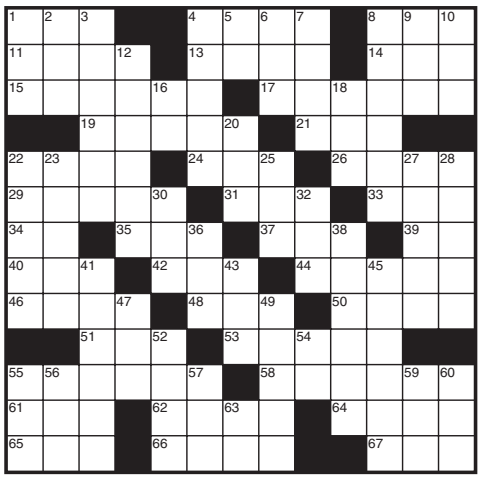
Rapper Young Jeezy will play a sought-after rapper in Janky Promoters, a film written by rapper-turned-filmmaker Ice Cube. Cube and Mike Epps will also star, as the shady, inept concert promoters of the title. **EW.COM**

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Roomy vehicle
4 Vague form
8 — -Magnon man
11 Rodin sculpture
13 Coffee-break treat
14 Royal pronoun
15 Sun-dried veggie
17 Pulled down
19 Watching
21 Mecca pilgrimage
22 River deposit
24 Cato's dozen
26 Bounce
29 Devoted
31 Chat
33 Meadow murmur
34 Beehive St.
35 Kind of instinct
37 Slangy refusal
39 Locomotive, briefly
40 Tumbler's pad
42 Chap
44 Tortilla snack
46 Hey, you!
48 Cribbage card
50 Wren's abode
51 Give a squeeze
53 Lady's honorific
55 Bought off
58 Subway patrons
61 Boat implement
62 Sudden foray
64 College credit
65 Figure out
66 Doesn't continue
67 Monkey with

Crossword down

1 Dye container
2 Tumult
3 Specifically
4 New York area
5 — -cal
6 Pamplona yell
7 Ho-hum
8 Scam (2 wds.)
9 Wish undone
10 Fort near Monterey
12 Whirlpool rival
16 Polynesian plant
18 Gandhi foe
20 Musician's stint
22 Mild recession
23 Specks
25 Fleming of 007 fame
27 Wooden strips
28 Fateful card
30 Drag along
32 Flour holder
36 Winery cask
38 "Kubla Khan" locale
41 Casual wear (hyph.)
43 — Kippur
45 Sidewalk material
47 Movie popcorn size
49 Minstrels
52 "Primal Fear" star
54 Popular princess
55 Wet ground
56 — Dawn Chong
57 Marino or Rowan
59 Pedro's river
60 Dirty place
63 Visa or passport

previous day's answer

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your response matters to a significant person. Pay attention to your true feelings. Strange information may make you nervous.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Bewilderment is resolved by a confession. Try to be gentler with housemates. Frustration with rules can't be eased by rebelling.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A happy person wants to devote time to you. Ask an ally for advice, and take it. Remember to hug someone when a job is done.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Think hard before paranoia sets in. A rest period with an ally sweetens the afternoon. A story will stop you in your tracks.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't savor the news of a victory until tomorrow. You remember when love was sweet and true. A merciful approach is wanted after a farce.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Honesty will glimmer through a maze of lies. Unpredictable responses make you uncertain. A potential mate is lurking nearby.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You can do something over again. There's a clash with a trouble-maker. Try working out a compromise.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
A man is moody, so tread softly. Someone misses the point and goes off on a tangent. A rebel is working to shift responsibility to you.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
The savage underbelly of life is exposed to the light. A lover is concerned about ethical behaviour. Put your best foot forward.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Causing needless trouble can be avoided. Someone's in the hot seat for a temper tantrum. Talk yourself into taking a holiday.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A strangely romantic interlude will arise. The truth is known, so trust your intuition. Too much optimism can be unsettling.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
A new love cycle begins after noon. Your sensitivity is at its maximum level. Don't be intimidated, but don't speak till spoken to.

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	7	4	3	5	6	8	2	9
9	6	5	2	8	4	7	1	3
3	8	2	7	1	9	5	4	6
8	1	9	4	7	2	3	6	5
2	3	7	1	6	5	4	9	8
5	4	6	9	3	8	1	7	2
7	5	3	6	2	1	9	8	4
4	2	1	8	9	3	6	5	7
6	9	8	5	4	7	2	3	1

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Vancouver weather

The Weather Network theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
60%		60%	100%	40%
Rain. 23°	Partly cloudy. Low 16°	Rain. 20°/ 15°	Rain. 18°/ 15°	Variable. 19°/ 13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 20.8°
Low: 11.8°

Records
High: 30°/1942
Low: 7.8°/1954

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Sunset: 9:20 p.m.
Moonrise: 5:35 a.m.
Moonset: 10:17 p.m.

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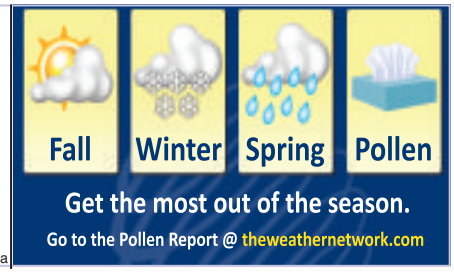

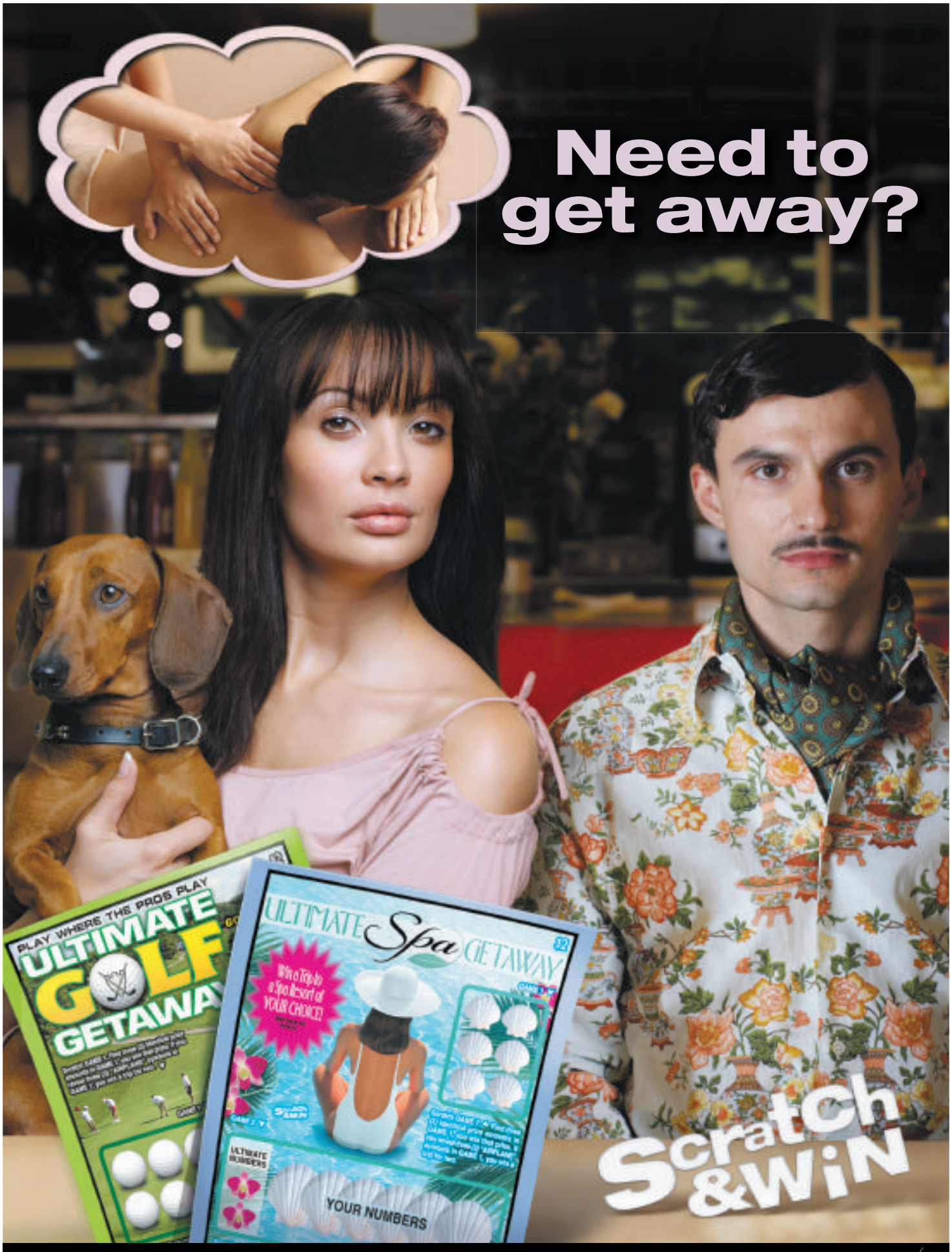
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